

Claim 1 presently reads:

5 1. (previously amended) A container for storing and dispensing consumer products, comprising:

a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has been formed one or more discrete cavities for receiving the consumer products; and

10 a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray to seal the one or more cavities to retain the consumer products in the one or more cavities;

the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a tear-off portion corresponding to the periphery of the or each cavity to retain the consumer products in that cavity until it is removed by tearing along its tear lines, the or each tear-off portion of the cover film having an associated lug portion not secured to the tray in use, for gripping by a consumer preparatory to tearing off the said tear-off portion;

CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray has an upwardly extending protrusion positioned to be located beneath the or each lug portion in use to bend that lug portion upwardly out of the plane of the remainder of the cover film when the cover film is secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray.

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It is proposed to amend claim 1 to read instead:

1. (as proposed to be amended) A container for storing and dispensing consumer products, comprising:

25 a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has been formed one or more discrete cavities for receiving the consumer products; and

30 a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray to seal the one or more cavities to retain the consumer products in the one or more cavities;

the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a respective tear-off portion corresponding to the periphery of one or more cavities [the or each cavity] to retain the consumer products in [that] the respective cavity until the tear-off 5 portion [it] is removed by tearing along its tear lines, the respective [or each] tear-off portion of the cover film having a respective [an] associated lug portion not secured to the tray in use, for gripping by a consumer preparatory to tearing off the respective [said] tear-off portion;

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CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray, prior to the application of the cover film, has an upwardly extending projection positioned to be located underneath the respective [or each] lug portion in use to bend that lug portion upwardly 15 out of the plane of the remainder of the cover film when the cover film is [secured] applied to the tray to secure it to the generally planar top surface of the tray to retain the consumer products in the one or more cavities.

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